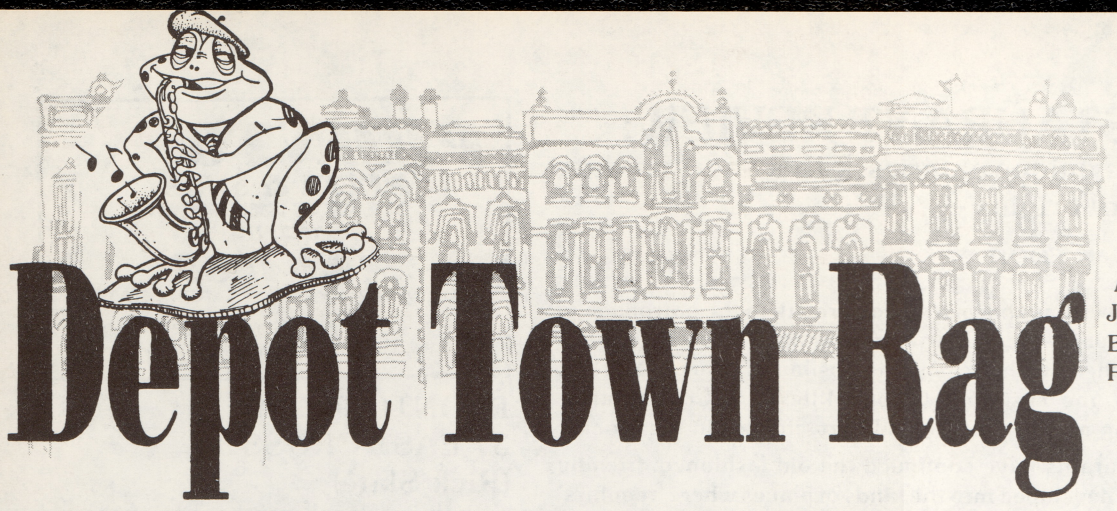

Depot Town Rag

JUNE 1986 EVENTS for the good of the block:

Foundation - 5th, Caboose 8 p.m.
Artrain - 7th, Caboose, 10 a.m.
Association - 19th, Caboose, 7:30 p.m.
Jazz Volunteers - 25th, Freight House, 7
Blues & Jazz - 23rd, Frog Island, all day
Folk & Comedy - 24th, Frog Island, all day
Artrain - 21st, Caboose, 10 a.m.

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BUMS, TRAMPS AND HOBOES
will return to Ypsilanti's Historic Depot Town railroad district for the annual
BOOMER DAYS JULY 11, 12, 13
(See DTA minutes for program possibilities)
A unique mid-summer promotional opportunity for all the block's businesses.

Tree Attacks Vehicle
GNARLY NEIGHBOR TRIMMED

The Department of Public Works made its annual cuts on the diseased portions of the Gnarly Tree which forms the centerpiece of the Market Plaza, leaving only a small portion still growing - the rest a mutant playground for the kids.

No one moved the farm wagon below, however, and the falling logs bashed their way through the wooden wagon bed. Until volunteers repair or replace the platform, parents should be careful to keep the kids off that space.

FROG ISLAND BLUES & JAZZ FESTIVAL
Saturday, June 28
sponsored by radio station WEMU-FM
and the Depot Town Association, Inc.
and the
FROG ISLAND
FOLK & COMEDY FESTIVAL
Sunday, June 29
sponsored by The Ark Coffeehouse

FROG ISLAND BLUES & JAZZ WORKERS

These people will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 25th in the Freight House coffee Shop. "Participation in this planning portion of the Jazz event is a must for all volunteers," say DTA's Carolyn McKeever and WEMU's Jim Dulzo. Don't miss it.

FREE ADMISSION to volunteers! Beer tickets, too, if you're old enough.

Your help is still needed for June 28th:

- Tickets: Eric Ward, 483-7745
- Security: Tom Dodd, 482-6371
- Clean up: Don Boersma, Recycling Center

INSPECTED, REHABBED or CONDEMNED

When the City Building Inspection Department announced that it would be checking out rental units with three or more apartments, owners and residents at City Body, the Follet House, the Newel Block (above Miller's Ice Cream) and the Masonic Block (above Hon's Flowers) geared up for the close scrutiny such a going-over implies.

Building Inspector Jim Robers says, "Most older buildings are found to be in need of 1. electrical up-dating, and Depot Town was no exception. 2. Zoning requirements are checked next, to see that the properties conform to the correct number of units for that area. 3. Ingress/egress requirements are confirmed and 4. anything broken (holes in walls, carpets torn) needs to be fixed." Owners have said they anticipate little difficulty in meeting the deadlines for repair and compliance.

The big news on the block came, however, when two other buildings not on that list, were shut down last month.

29 EAST CROSS (James MacDonald Antiques, Apple Annie's Vintage Clothing) finds owners Gary and Carolyn McKeever working enthusiastically with their architects and contractors to replace the east-facing wall and completely renovate the second and third floors into three apartments - with windows in the new wall facing the pedestrian walk space. Work will continue all through the summer.

THE THOMPSON BLOCK (Fantasee Lighting, Ace Body Parts, North River Antiques, etc.) made front page news in the local dailies when owner David Kircher and the Building Inspection Department squared off at each other once more. According to Phil Cackley, of THE YPSILANTI PRESS, Kircher may sell the property rather than bring it up to code. Either way, the most obvious back drop for this block will see drastic change soon - either by being brought up to code or by being demolished.

CABOOSE COMMANDMENTS ACCUMULATING

Ever since those Thursday meetings started in the Old Caboose, neighbors have gotten together to legislate, suggest, carp and gripe in that popular meeting spot. Here is a list of consensus agreements from the last several years -

1980 - Ask the Historic District Commission first.

1981 - Pedestrians who pass each other without acknowledgment will be expelled to Briarwood.

1982 - Don't just sit there. Pull weeds

1983 - Loud car radios tuned to other than WEMU-FM will be subject to being squirted with a garden hose.

1984 - Ride those bikes in the street. WALK 'em on the sideWALKS.

1985 - If it's falling down, fix it up.

- and, for 1986, Caboosers are debating a proposal to ban sunglasses after dark. (How come this is always a male problem? Why don't we ever see females wearing dark glasses in the evening? Hmmm.)

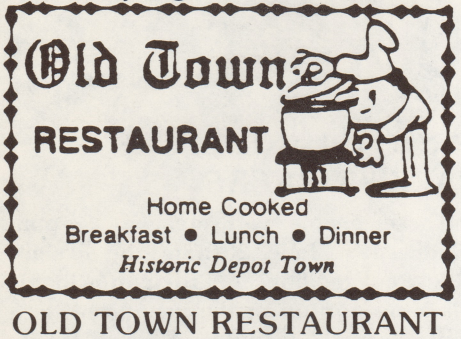
THE REHAB RESTAURANT REVIEW:

— a listing of Depot Town's unique eateries with a short up-date on their Nineteenth Century origins —

ANTIQUES • ENTERTAINMENT • FOOD

The continuing rebirth of Depot Town has shown a steady growth in the patronage of antique and speciality shops, community-wide entertainments and restaurants. The food business, especially, has flourished - with the popular Ypsilanti Farmer's Market, T.H.E. Market, the Vitamin Shoppe, the Ypsi Food Co-op, Miller's Ice Cream Parlor and the Candy Shoppe guaranteeing a wide range of culinary choices in the block.

Depot Town's five excellent restaurants have continued the old fashioned, friendly flavor of the neighborhood and have developed into the kinds of places where 'regulars' appear for nearly every meal and where locals bring their out-of-town friends to show off the historic district's greatest success - viable businesses with the highly saleable commodity of good food.



OLD TOWN RESTAURANT
36 EAST CROSS
(John and Shirley Kornilakis)

Truly a 'mom and pop' enterprise, the Kornilakis' now live in the apartments above the store with their three youngest children. Their center space started out as Turner's Restaurant and John and Shirley have expanded and improved constantly since buying the property - first eastward into the former variety store space, then west into what was Sinkule's Market. New additions have provided back door parking with an entrance through the rear bar area.

This is a place well known for its comprehensive menu, ranging through breakfast, lunch and dinner, to late-night dining. Old Town's twelve page loose leaf binder boasts the most labor-intensive menu in town. Just about the only 'Greek' item in the Greek Salad, but watch for their tasty bread sticks - as seen on TV!

With all the extensive renovation here in the last few years, some wondered if the place would get too fancy for Depot Towners, but most old-timers figured they deserved such posh treatment. They can still eat with their hats on!

The Chess Club, Optimist and Kiwanis Clubs meet at the Old Town. That's even a better recommendation than 'truck drivers' used to be!

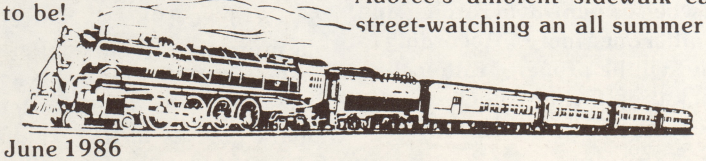
AUBREE'S SALOON
39 EAST CROSS
(Bill and Sandee French)

Remembered by many as "The Alibi Bar", Aubree's began in the 1870's as a railroad hotel with sleeping rooms upstairs and a dining room and tavern down. When Bill French bought the business from his father (another Aubrey), he and wife, Sandee, continued the tradition of the tavern atmosphere downstairs. TV sports can be viewed from at least five different screens; pool tables, pin ball machines and darts add to the sporting atmosphere.

Diners enjoy one of the best chili preparations in the area and the men-at-work kitchen boasts a variety of popular sandwich combinations. This year has seen the addition of an attractive Sunday brunch with a delicious spread accompanied by a glass of champagne.

AUBREE'S SECOND FLOOR has been transformed by an elegant Victorian-decor into what is described by WEMU as the area's only "jazz night club." The most renowned jazz musicians in the region have found their way to this delightful entertainment space.

Ford Motor Company holds training sessions here several days each week and Aubree's ambient sidewalk cafe makes street-watching an all summer activity.



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Free Delivery
on orders over $4.00

PRONTO PIZZA
37 EAST CROSS
(Rick Slate)

Rick is a local merchant from the old tradition: He lives right in the neighborhood and never gets a chance to get away from the business.

In the building which was known for so long as Weber Drug, this excellent pizza parlor now carries on the walk-in tradition of the original soda fountain which used to grace the same location. The wooden booths, fancy overhead plaster work, and smells of delectable pizza being prepared in the open kitchen at the rear create a feeling of home-town USA that will never be accomplished by a fast food franchise.

Pronto's main thrust is take-outs from the back door with three vehicles rushing orders all over town. Their's is one of the most popular recipes on the EMU campus, too.

Our favorite is an all vegetarian combination of black olives, onions and mushrooms. Pronto's basic pizza underneath makes a spectacular presentation.

THERE'S A NEW
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IN DEPOT TOWN
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YOUR HOUSE OR OURS (WE CATER, TOO)
Specializing in Homemade Italian Food & Pastries
17 E. Cross • Depot Town 483-3574

PAPONETTI'S PASTA
17 EAST CROSS
(Ray Paponetti)

One look at Ray's menu, and diners agree: "That's Italian!" Paponetti's specializes in 'take out' orders, but the half dozen tables provide for 'eat in' trade, as well. In fact, there's even a pair of white iron tables on the sidewalk for *al fresco* dining during the warmer weather.

The Italian decor of red, white and green is not only carried out in their cafe curtains and interior walls, but the ancient stained glass transom windows add to the modern update. The pot-bellied stove seems to fit in to the atmosphere just fine. And - all those lovely Italian waitpersons (Ray's sisters) complete the ambiance. Paponetti's is the real thing!

SIDETRACK
GOOD FOOD GOOD DRINKS GOOD TIMES
Located in historic Depot Town
56 E. Cross, Ypsilanti
483-1035

EDITH'S SIDETRACK
8 EAST CROSS
(Jim Shedd)

Not usually known by its whole name, even Garrison Keillor's 'Sidetrack Cafe' does not detract from the 'Track's uniqueness. Lake Wobegon's fictitious version cannot be nearly so sophisticated as Depot town's popular spot, named for Jim Shedd's sister, Edith Collins.

Called Ypsi's 'Yuppie hangout' by some, we have seen college presidents, governors and most of the local bankers at these tables. And no wonder, with what the ANN ARBOR NEWS' Connie Crump describes as the best hamburger in the area.

Sidetrack's fabulous back bar is every bit as architecturally significant as the City's famous water tower and easily claims landmark status.

Formerly the Central Bar, this spot took advantage of the excellent view of the Michigan Central, the New York Central and, finally, the Penn Central Railroads as they passed the front and side windows on their route between Chicago and Detroit. Today's Amtrak and Conrail are every bit as exciting if you sit at the center of the 'el' and take advantage of both the north and the east views.

If there room for still more successful food preparations on the block?

- THE MCRR DEPOT continues to be looked over as a possible 'Hudsons' (base) of the Depot Town restaurant mall concept. Don't look for an article in THE RAG until we actually see some physical evidence, though.

- WHAT ABOUT CHINESE? One of the excellent shopping center entrepreneurs might do well to move to this old district and change their name to "The Orient Express."

When folks come to Ypsilanti's historic Depot Town, they aren't just quick stop-and-go shoppers. They come for several hours and shop, walk, sit and eat. They sample the ethic of a former time in our history – in an environment which is authentic, warm and hospitable. Welcome back to the good old days. Welcome back to good eating in Depot Town.

PLAYERS SPONSOR "JACK"

"Jack and the Beanstalk," the traditional story of Jack and the Giant, will be coming to Ypsilanti on Saturday, June 21.

The original story, beloved by children everywhere for centuries, has been adapted for stage presentation by the Famous Players National Touring Company ensemble.

With eye-catching sets and costumes, polished professional actors, a witty script and hummable music, the familiar story takes on new luster.

For many children, this will be their first "live theatre" experience; and the Famous Players National Touring Company ensemble recognizes its responsibility to make sure they won't be disappointed. For a fun-filled ninety minutes, jampacked with action, laughter and bright music, Jack and the Beanstalk is a treat not to be missed.

The show is being sponsored by the Ypsilanti Players as a community service and fund raising project. Curtain time is 2 p.m. at Old Ypsi High's (YCCB) auditorium at 210 W. Cross Street.

Tickets are $3.50 for Adult and $2.50 for Children at the door and will be available one hour before show time. Tickets will only be $3 for Adults and $2 for Children in advance and will be available at Miller's Ice Cream, 42 E. Cross, Campbell's Jewelers, 107 W. Michigan and at the Farmers' Market on June 7 and 14, or phone 434-6527 or 434-3289 for mail order.

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Dear Rag Merchants:

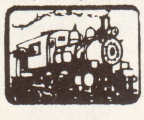
How come no steam train trip last month? You always sponsored some kind of a train trip in May. We never missed one. Are you still going to have one this year?

Train and Trolley Watcher

- The Michigan Artrain will be here the last week of August and you can help with the planning committees (see front page calendar for meetings), but no trip is planned. It'll just sit here on the siding again.

- If you still want quicker action than that, you can travel down Michigan Avenue to Clinton and prowl along the tracks and yards recently purchased by the Southern Michigan Railroad Society from Conrail. They intend to acquire a steam locomotive to pull passenger trains over the line to areas east of Adrian.

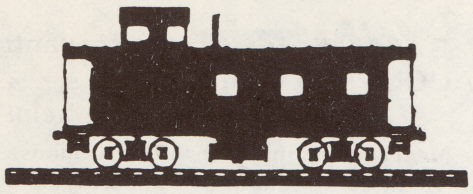
They currently have four diesel-electric locomotives and various historic rail cars from the period of 1915 - 1920. Membership in the SMRS is open to the public and their shop is located on Division Street in Clinton, open to the public Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. For ride and membership information call (517) 456-7029.



The Rag

YOU KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A BAD DAY IN DEPOT TOWN WHEN —

- You finally get the front table at the Sidetrack - and the crossing gate gets stuck.
- You present your renovation plan to the HDC - and all they want to talk about is the building's previous owners.
- You're paying your bill at City Body - and hear an ominous 'crunch' from the space where your car is parked.
- You were 'too busy' to visit the folks this week - and they're sitting at the next table at the Old Town.
- You wait until the day of performance to pick up your jazz tickets - and the line stretches all the way to Ann Arbor.
- You drive around the train gates - and one of Ypsi's Finest is parked at the mailbox.
- You show up for your first meeting in The Old Caboose - and get elected historian.
- You sit on Miller's bench for the afternoon sun - and three toddlers with tri-color cones join you.
- You take your first 'sponsoring ad' in THE RAG - and they have your phone number and address wrong.
- You take your ancestor's portrait in to be framed - and there are three more just like it hanging on the wall.
- Your daughter comes in with the latest funky look in recycled clothing - and you have one just like it hanging in the closet.
- You read the 'news' in THE RAG - but everybody else knew it was a parody.



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April minutes were OK.

TREASURY:

General Fund	$2848.14
Rag	195.30
Jazz	4908.87
Caboose rehab	(77.55)

Steps, roof and building permit went beyond the $1000 allotted. Roof underlayment needed replacing and $350 for extra labor drove costs up.

Halloween	112.33
Billboard	(927.24)

Last year's billboard payments are being caught up, but a few business refuse to pay what they had agreed to.

Boomer Days	201.47
BALANCE	$7261.32

JAZZ:

Check on rental deal for last auction at .25 for 400 chairs. Frog Island poster is ready; 10,000 flyers are out. Need 1500 people at the gate to break even. David Murray has canceled and been replaced by Air Trio. Volunteers are needed for ticket sales, security, and clean-up. Next meeting is June 2nd at McKeever's. All volunteers are expected at the 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 25th meeting at the Freight House Coffee Shop.

RAG REPORT:

New sponsors include Depot Doo, Depot Town Auction Gallery, Paponetti's Pasta. Ad copy changes noted.

ARTRAIN:

Committee meets on alternate Saturdays at 10 a.m. in the Caboose. Next meetings: May 24, June 7 & 21. T-shirt and post card sales opportunity for local merchants. (see notices)

CABOOSE REHAB OVERRUN:

$77.55 was taken from the Childrens' Halloween Party fund to pay for the extra repair costs.

BILLBOARD:

Year-old account is being caught up. Several landlords have paid for their delinquent tenants.

TOURISM CONFERENCE:

Meadows will use the remainder of alotted funds to attend sesion in South Bend Indiana.

WCA

'Effective Board' session has been deferred until fall.

HERITAGE FESTIVAL:

Planning meetings continue every Thursday at 3:30 p.m. in the Chamber of Commerce offices at 11 North Adams. McKeever, Meadows and Dodd attend regularly. Others are welcome. Shankwiler's "Passage", Artrain, quilt and train shows will be promoted together.

BOOMER DAYS:

Date set for July 11, 12, 13 (changed from last month) with Bonni Rosen-Fine as chair. Suggests holding quarterly meeting as the Friday event with King & Queen shick. Events lacking sponsors will be dropped next month:

- Carp Contest - Aubree's
- Hobo Jungle - Carolyn will begin collecting large cardboard boxes for 'Hooterville' camp
- Kidsart - Jerry Meadows
- Boomer Boutique -
- Shop Specials in flyer and listed in Rag -(see notice)
- Costume contest at Market closing -
- Mulligan Stew-off -
- No-talent Contest w/hobo-style entertainment - Meadows
- Weiner Roast (over by 8 p.m.)
- Scavenger Hunt - Tom Dodd
- Peaceable games -

Other possibilities to explore: begging in the streets, tag-day license from City, printed slogans on pencils, odd jobs for fun or credit, car wash? Call Rosen-Fine at 434-6527. Final decisions at June DTA meeting.

DIRECTORY RE-PRINTING:

5000 folded copies at $350 approved. Up-date copy and print in June.

CONDEMNATIONS discussed.

Consensus is that 'deferred maintenance' isn't.

"WELCOME" SIGN

On Follet House: Meadows will investigate cost of remote lighting.

SPECIALS SOLICITED

By Aubree's for their hundreds of Ford employees who visit each week. Business managers and shopkeepers are encouraged to make themselves known to these folks via 'special' introductory offers. (see notice)

IRS re TAX CREDITS:

Alex Suczek played tape of conversation with IRS official on wall replacement.

'TEN-YEAR VIEW OF DEPOT TOWN':

Slide show presented without script or title plates. Program is available for showing to interested groups.

Adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

DIRECTORY REPRINT NOTICE:

The Association has approved the reprinting of the Depot Town Directory/Map. Businesses who were not included in the first edition should make themselves known (via the caboose mail slot) this week. Without notification of change, items will be listed as before. Don't miss the excellent opportunity to promote your Depot Town interests.

SOLICITATIONS SOLICITED

With the acceptance of a new contract with Ford Motor Company, Aubree's Bill French invites all area merchants to create introductory 'specials' for the one hundred and fifty conference-goers who will continue to spend two and three days a week in Depot Town. Here's a chance to introduce yourself to a whole new public. Just write up your offer and leave ample copies with either Bill or Sandee.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

Artrain's colorful t-shirts and post cards may be sold in the block as a profit-making promotional activity until the train arrives. Here's the perfect summer window display. Just add a model railroad layout and you'll have every kid in town looking in your window. Depot Town businesses should make their interest in displaying and selling known to the Caboose this month and DTA will give details.

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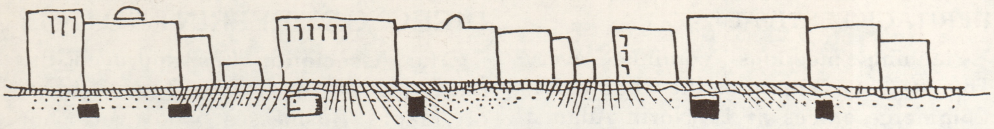

Are Historical Cisterns DEPOT TOWN'S 'UNDERGROUND?'

Since some folks seem confused about Depot Town's tunnels and others mix and match the area's underground railroad history with Conrail/Amtrak, this item for THE RAG attempts to dig up some of the hidden lore of the many cisterns throughout the neighborhood. Only last year did the City get wind of the several gasoline storage tanks in town and had them removed. Perhaps these mysterious caverns are next.

Don't assume that cistern is the opposite of brethern. Athough churches may have both, that's different. Cisterns are the underground catch basins for rain water.

When these Italianate commercial structures were built, their original owners installed eavestroughs to guide the rain water run-off away from the load-bearing walls. Water becomes ice in the winter and expands between the bricks, causing the mortar to pop out and the brick soon follows. Look at the base of MCRR depot for evidence of what water *and salt* can do together. Therefore, it's a good idea to direct the water out and away from the walls of the edifice.

In the days before everything was covered with asphalt and concrete, care had to be taken with that run-off water when it reached the ground, as well, otherwise erosion would carry the earth at the foundation right down East Cross Street and into the Huron River. In the early days of the twentieth century, it seems that throwing things into the river was one of the most popular pastimes in mill towns such as Ypsilanti.

Hence, the installation of basement rooms entirely cast in concrete and connected to the roof gutters by long pipes. A pump, usually in the kitchen, could retreive that water for washing. Popular folklore says it was the best possible water for that purpose, especially for shampoos. This was long before you could call the Culligan Man for a soft water hook up.

Depot Town's flat roofed buildings collected water in their cisterns which are still in place, but not connected to either end any more. The only thing that kept the back wall of McKeever's #29 from collapsing along with the side and front walls was the existence of the cistern under the north-east corner. The parking lot behind Big Bob's Magazines is gravelled over a giant cistern which may have served the whole block at one time. Why, if it was in Ann Arbor, you could rent it out for at least $500 a month.

Most abandoned cisterns are filled in with sand in order to keep vermin from moving in. One antiquated cistern we know of in the district had a carp thrown into it about fifteen years ago. It lives on lichen and has turned completely white, due to lack of light in its subterranean chamber. Over the years it has grown so large as to fill the entire cistern and is now a completely cubic carp, eight feet by eight feet by eight feet.

Water not directed into cisterns found its way to the street – which did not have storm sewers – and flowed directly to the river. Walkers might want to check out this uniqueness which remains today, and look forward to another fascinating installment in these pages. Alligators in the sewers? Never. But giant cubic carp in the cisterns? Just maybe.

///Artrain in Ypsilanti

AUGUST 18 - 25th

— and YOU can help!

Meet your neighbors in the Old Caboose at 10 a.m. Saturday June 7 and 21 to help prepare for the ARTRAIN's third visit to this old railroad district. Your assistance will be appreciated in the following activities:

FACILITIES: Secure and prepare site for Artrain, including arrangement for delivery of fuel and installation of utilities.

FINANCE: Coordinate local fund-raising projects, assist subcommittee in obtaining in-kind services and materials. Keep an accurate account of all expenditures and in-kind contributions.

GALLERY GUIDES: Recruit and schedule volunteers to work on-board in Artrain's galleries.

DEMONSTRATING ARTISTS: Recruit and schedule local artists and craftspeople to demonstrate in Artrain's Helen W. Milliken Studio.

EDUCATION: Implement Artrain's educational program. Contact community organizations and make arrangements for them to tour.

PROMOTION: Design and implement a comprehensive community publicity campaign with basic Artrain materials provided.

PROTOCOL: Organize the opening activities and arrange pre-or-post opening events. Assure that supporters and special guest receive proper recognition and appreciation.

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Jim MacDonald's Antiques
Apple Annie's Vintage Clothing
29 East Cross • 481-0555
Tuesday-Saturday 12-6 Sunday 12-4

Brass & Metal Polishing
North River Antiques
"WE BUY ANTIQUES"
412 N. River, Ypsilanti
484-1112

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Flowers & Fancies
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DEPOT TOWN, YPSILANTI

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Ted's AUTO ELECTRIC
307 N. River St. Ypsilanti, MI
Phone: 483-1238

THE GRAND TRUNK LTD.

Take advantage of The Grand Trunk Ltd's 10 + 10 Club: any non-profit group can join. 10% discount on purchases to members and 10% rebate to the organization. If everyone in the block showed their DTA membership card, we could pay off the renovation of the Old Caboose with the 'kick-back.' It furthers the "money spent here stays here concept."

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RAGTIME
In the good old Summertime
DOWN IN DEPOT TOWN

Historic preservation is neither a college lecture course - nor a coffee table book - when you're cruising the block down in Depot Town. Whether it's flower beds, window displays or major construction projects, this nineteenth century commercial district is alive with authentic, traditional activity.

–And the most historic item of all is the clientele – strolling the block, waving at friends from a restaurant window, shopping from store to store, lining up for real ice cream cones, listening to music together, and generally supervising Ypsilanti's favorite restoration project - adding to the block's vitality just by their presence.

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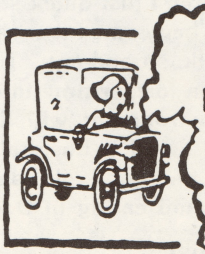
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